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in and apply for grants to set up waste reduction programs, and in particular the Omaha area and Sarpy County is very interested right now in a household hazardous waste reduction program, and that is a program whereby there is a physical facility and a program for gathering into that physical facility different types of hazardous waste, especially household hazardous waste, so that that waste doesn't go out into the landfills and the dumps. And waste reduction is the number one priority, has always been in the state, as far as our waste program is concerned, and this should be a good step forward there because we have some people interested in doing some, I think, very sophisticated organizing in terms of hazardous waste. That's, generally speaking, both rural and urban hazardous waste and the collection of that is a problem that we need to get into more and figure out how to solve more. But those, I think, are the principal benefits of...of this particular bill. And there are a lot of mechanics in terms of how things flow, which I would be glad to discuss, if anybody is interested in. But that's the basic thrust of the bill. And, Senator Schrock, if you wanted to add to that, I'd be glad to...to cede the rest of my time. He indicated he's not interested at this point. But I certainly would like to thank again both Senator Hilgert and Senator Schrock for, especially Senator Schrock, for all the contributions that have gone into this particular solution. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We are discussing AM1688. Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President. As I stated before, there are over 2 million tires still to be cleaned up in the state. And the fund would go on, if we didn't pass this. We just wouldn't have a priority for cleaning up tires. We wouldn't have a priority for the market development activity that this amendment extends until 2002. Under the market development part, we are utilizing these funds for public schools. We're reimbursing public schools to do football fields with crumb rubber and also using it on running tracks. We have projects to clean up across the whole state. I've passed out an ivory sheet that shows projects all across the state, and these are pending, and they would not be funded, if we wouldn't extend this program. So I just urge you to pass this amendment to